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Transmittal of a Divisional Patent Application

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Filed: Herewith, February 5, 2004

For: Stabilized Tissue Penetrating

Dear Sir:

Catheters

Transmitted herewith for filing is the continuation utility patent application for "Stabilized Tissue Penetrating Catheters".

- The applicant(s) hereby request(s) the filing of the continuation patent application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) is a continuation of application Serial No.09/538,119, filed March 29, 2000. No amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
- A true copy of the following are enclosed:
 - the prior application as filed, including all 50 pages of specifications (including 38 pages of written description; 11 pages of claims (Claims 1-51); 1 page of Abstract) and 17 sheets of formal drawings; and
 - the declaration of inventorship showing the signatures or an indication it was signed.

- Applicant hereby requests that the above-referenced patent application, filed concurrently herewith, **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. §122(b). In making this request, applicants certify that the invention disclosed in the application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at 18 months after filing.
- Please delete the names of the following persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this divisional application:
- Please amend the specification after the granting of a filing date herein by inserting before the first line the sentence: -This is a divisional of application Serial No.09/538,119, filed March 29, 2000.--
- Please amend the claims by canceling claims 1 through 18. Applicant will file a subsequent preliminary amendment presenting new claims for prosecution at a later date.
- Check No. 3309 covering the filing fee in the amount of \$1004.00 accompanies this application, calculated as follows:

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| Basic fee | | | | | \$ | Or | | \$ 770 |
| Total claims | 33 | - 20 = | 13 | x 9 | \$ | Or | x 18 | \$ 234 |
| Indep claims | 1 | - 3 = | 0 | x 43 | 3 \$ | Or | x 86 | \$ |
| _ Multiple dependent claims presented + 130 | | | | \$ | Or | + 260 | \$ | |
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- An Assignment of the invention to Transvascular Inc. was previously recorded in the parent application Serial No. 09/538,119 on Reel 010994/ Frames 0490 on August 14, 2000.
- A Statement of Ownership and Power of Attorney.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment and credit any overpayment of the filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees required under 37 § CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-0878.
- Seventeen (17) sheets of formal drawings are enclosed.
- The undersigned is the Applicant's attorney of record in the prior application, and all future communications should be addressed to the undersigned at the new address shown herebelow.

- The statement(s) of Small Entity Status filed in the prior application is no longer proper and is hereby withdrawn.
- An information disclosure statement is enclosed.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Transmittal letter, the above-identified documents and papers, and a return postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR § 1.10 on February 5, 2004 and is addressed to Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: February 4, 2004

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